Our Fourfooted FRIENDS

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GIFTS

More than seven hundred years have passed since St. Francis of Assisi blessed the birds and animals, calling them his "little brothers and sisters." Since that time there have been good people in every age who have acknowledged the universal kinship between man and beast, who have softened the hearts of their fellow men toward their brothers in fur and feathers, and who have endeavored to impress others with a truer conception of the rights of the so-called "dumb" creatures. Such are those humanitarians who have been interested in and associated with the Animal Rescue League of Boston for the past forty-eight years.

Since its inception the LEAGUE *has ministered to hundreds of thousands of animals, and it is a source of great satisfaction to be able to record that no reasonable appeal for help for an animal has ever been denied. In order to assure the continuance of such work, generous contributions are needed.*

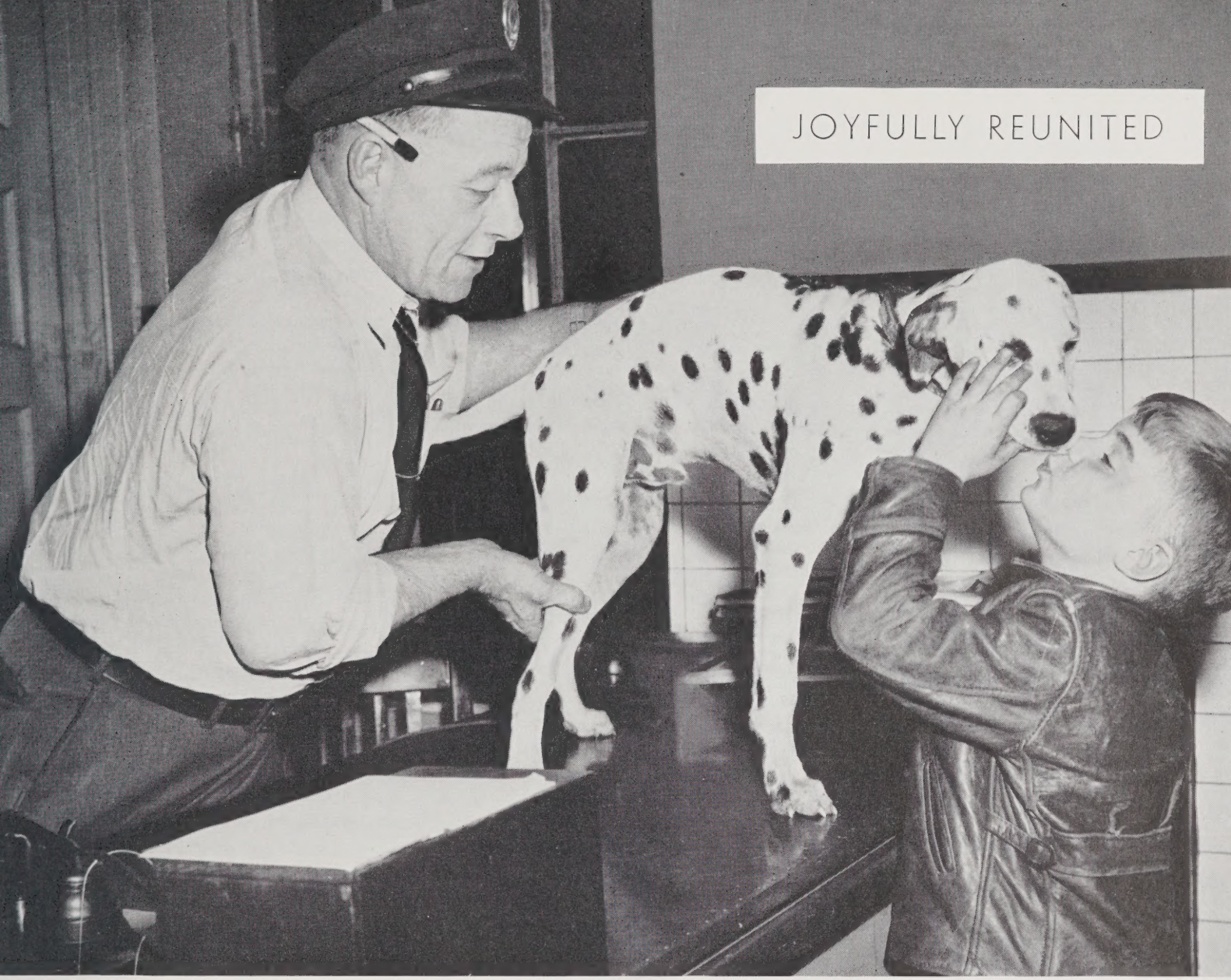
Sometimes we hear that "too much money" has already been donated by benevolent persons to works of mercy, charity and education. However, that opinion does not hold good under a fair analysis. For example, according to the most reliable statistics available, in 1939 one and one-quarter billion dollars *were designated for* ALL *the non-profit charitable organizations in the United States. In 1946 total contributions for these same organizations rose to* two and one-half billion dollars. *Yet note: during this same period the citizens of our country spent* twenty-five billion dollars *on* LUXURIES. *World War II cost the American people* forty-seven billion dollars. *No one expects charitable organizations to receive an amount of money equal to the War debt, but a point of interest is that there is considerable money that remains unspent for societies that can do so much for an enduring* PEACE.

Is not the Christmas Season the best time for you, your family and friends to remember *the* League *in its unceasing efforts to abolish cruelty in a world beset with fear, suspicion and hate?*

Decide to make your Christmas GIFT *for the advancement of* KINDNESS, MERCY *and* PROTECTION *for our "little brothers and sisters" who serve us so well. Every contribution, large or small, will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.*

In extending the Compliments of the Season to all who believe in us, the Board of Directors desires to assure its members and friends that the past and present progressive policy of SERVICE *will be continued.*

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three;
But the greatest of these is CHARITY."
I Corinthians, XIII, 13



THE LEAGUE IN ACTION

Lad's Pet Dog Found by Boston Record Story

(PHOTO BY FRANK MAHONEY, HYDE PARK)

Frank MacLean, Riverside Square, Hyde Park, is shown at our small-animal shelter kissing "Hobo," his pet Dalmatian, restored to him by Night Superintendent William Slack after the lad had appealed to the Boston Daily Record for aid in finding his missing pal.

One of the most pleasant phases of the League's work is the restoration of a lost animal to its owner. Frankie can eat and sleep again now that "Hobo" is home, the result of an efficient and alert Lost and Found Department with a HEART!

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LIVE LURES Again in the Foreground of SUSPICION

Greyhound Racing Is Not All That It Appears On The Surface

IN the September edition of *Our Fourfooted Friends*, it was disclosed that greyhound racing in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is strongly suspected of the diabolical practice of using "live" animals for the schooling of racing dogs.

To the spectators, who bet on favorite dogs, the mechanical rabbit is all that can be seen. They are led to believe that the speed of the dogs, their alertness and ability to win are devoid of any training that involves CRUELTY. *But, are they?*

A recent newspaper clipping reads as follows: "Although the use of live rabbits as lures for racing greyhounds is generally illegal, they are widely used in training, Judge Joseph E. Donovan in Boston Municipal Court was told at a hearing of countersuits between a leading local veterinarian and a trainer of racing dogs involving alledgedly misappropriated money. The veterinarian denied the use of live lures and of ordering the dog trainer, formerly employed by the veterinarian, to feed one particular dog live rabbits."

This case is not settled and the Judge is still holding it under advisement. We shall watch reports closely in the hope that if live rabbits are used for the training of racing dogs, proper punishment will be meted out to the offender. We have clearly stated our position to the State Racing Commission with intent to take drastic action if necessary.

Gift Suggestion

• Decide Now to become a MEMBER. Your membership is an investment in civic betterment. See back cover for membership classifications and costs.

While there is reason to believe that the State Racing Commission does not condone the use of live animals so that greyhounds will not develop "staleness," yet, it knows that the rules which it enforces inside the race track DO NOT PREVENT owners of racing dogs from taking any liberties they wish outside the jurisdiction of the Commission. It is on this point that the League is at variance with the state racing officials who, we believe, should be given authority to disqualify any owner or handler of dogs schooled with live lures. Like cockfighting or dog fighting, which are perpetrated underground, it is no different with the greyhound racing fraternity whose success is measured by dogs that can WIN. And to win means resorting to practices that are downright INHUMANE. In San Francisco, California humane-minded citizens played a vital role in defeating legalized dog racing on the evidence that live rabbits were torn to pieces by bloodthirsty greyhounds.

$100 REWARD

The Animal Rescue League of Boston makes a standing offer to any person of legal age who will furnish evidence leading to the *prosecution* and *conviction* of any person using LIVE LURES for the training of greyhound racing dogs.

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OUR CONTRIBUTION to the 71st NATIONAL CONVENTION of The AMERICAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION

Albany, N. Y.

October 7-10, inclusive

Miss B. Maude Phillips receives National Humane Key Award of the American Humane Education Society

THE League always endeavors to fit into the program of National Conventions of The American Humane Association where it can do the most good for the humane cause. Our delegation consisted of Walter J. Dethloff, President, B. Maude Phillips, Director of Education, Harriett Flannery and Miriam Smith, Puppeteers in the Education Department, Beth Chollar, Director of Animal Social Service, and Marjorie L. Wyman, Secretary-Treasurer of the New England Livestock Loss Prevention Association.

Miss Phillips was honored at the Convention Banquet with the presentation of the National Humane Key Award for outstanding service in the field of Humane Education by the American Humane Education Society, — an honor that she rightly deserves.

Beth Chollar, according to comments heard, made a noteworthy contribution to the panel discussion "How To Reach The Adult With Humane Education." Beth, who is the well-known "Animal Lady" of the air on a weekly broadcast over Radio Station WEEI in Boston, presented an interesting talk on Animal Social Service, an inovation in the field of Humane Education. She made her experiences realistic, devoid of supersentimentality, yet full of practical knowledge of what the adult should know about the care of animals. This department of our work is proving its worth daily.

In connection with the Visual Aid program, well attended by delegates to the Convention, the League proudly presented a kodachrome film entitled "Children and Animals Go To Summer School," depicting activities of the school held at Amrita Island last summer. It was like bringing Amrita to life when the film dramatically and colorfully showed the varied program of the Animal Friends Summer School for Children. Many favorable comments followed the showing and the project served as a stimulus for other societies having a Department of Education.

"Peter Rabbit," our popular marionette play, was the feature attraction of Open House Day at national headquarters. The auditorium was filled to capacity to hear and watch Miss Flannery and Mrs. Smith present the little puppet characters of the world's best loved children's story by Beatrix Potter. Although the audience was chiefly adult, there was a wholesome reaction as Peter, his cousin Benny and Mr. McGregor took their parts in the play. Miss Phillips explained the use of puppetry as a medium of stimulating humane ideals, and also said the League's plays are booked a full year in advance because of their popularity.

Mr. Dethloff was Chairman of the panel discussion "Model Dog Licensing Regulations and Their Enforcement," which is covered more in detail on page 13 for the benefit of other societies.

Miss Wyman, acting as public relations officer for the League, attended as many of the panel discussions on animal topics as time would allow and reports unusual interest

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ORCHIDS TO YOU, Beth Chollar!

Ours was the beloved dog who was killed by a hit-and-run driver last week.

The task of telling our little boy that "Amos" had died was a hard one, since the child had been home for only two days from the Children's Hospital after a knee injury and the dog had taken permanent quarters by his bedside during that time.

Robbed of his bedfellow during the long days of healing bones, Peter had conflicting doubts about people caring what they did to others' pets. And your radio program helped one mother restore a shattered confidence to a heartbroken lad!

Mrs. Claire Sullivan, Mattapan, Massachusetts

ANIMAL LADY MAKES DEBUT

AUGUST 22, 1947, "Beth, the Animal Lady," made her debut over Radio Station WEEI in Boston. Each Tuesday at 3:30 in the afternoon, at a cue of two rings of a doorbell, she says, "Hello, I'm Beth Chollar, may I come in?" to an unseen audience of listeners that she hopes will let her come into their hearts and homes, to entertain them with stories, to share their experiences and to give them advice with any animal problem.

The program has proved that it is doing exactly what was intended, because the response has been reassuring and heartwarming. Perhaps it might be well to explain to our readers exactly the aims of the League during this fifteen-minute "visit with Beth." The all-important reason for the creation of the broadcast is to stress the importance of the pet-owner relationship. WE know the proven value of pets in creating a happy family life. WE know that many juvenile delinquents are brought back to a normal way of life because they have been given a dog of their very own. BUT, do people as a whole realize this? We doubt it, so through these weekly chats we hope to demonstrate that the responsibility of owners, be they children or adults, to their pets is of vital importance, — in the observance of laws pertaining to them, the consideration for other people living in the neighborhood, the correct feeding and care. These problems can be shared with the "Animal Lady" by means of letters to her, sent to Radio Station WEEI, which she will gladly answer.

This program is YOUR program. We want YOU to tell us about YOUR pets, their lovable and intelligent responses, their deeds of courage and even some of the difficulties you have with them.

"The Animal Lady" is Beth Chollar, Director of Social Service for Animals. Through this work she contacts many types of pet owners. She also investigates small-animal complaints. Her experiences are a featured part of the radio broadcast. A great deal of time, thought, research, writing and checking for authenticity of information go into the production of this program. We hope you will do YOUR part by writing to her and sharing with her all the fun, the joys and troubles of owning a pet.

Many Radio Listeners Write for Advice

Each week the announcer, Wally O'Hara, tells our radio audience that we are glad to receive letters. Each week the mail brings to us enthusiastic praise for the work we are doing through this medium. It brings many requests for pamphlets on the care of dogs and cats; accounts of health difficulties of pets; stories of faithful animals.

"My dog is hard to housebreak; what can I do?" "My dog runs after cars." "My cat eats only certain things; how can I get it to accept other food?" "Do you think I did right in having my dog put to sleep?" "Should I have a pet in a city apartment, and what kind?" "What kind of flea powder can be used on a cat?" "My dog has something that looks like mange; can it be cured?"

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Gift Suggestion

• Hundreds of dogs and cats are PLACED IN HOMES each year. Caring for them while waiting to be placed is costly. Perhaps a donation toward this part of our work appeals to you.

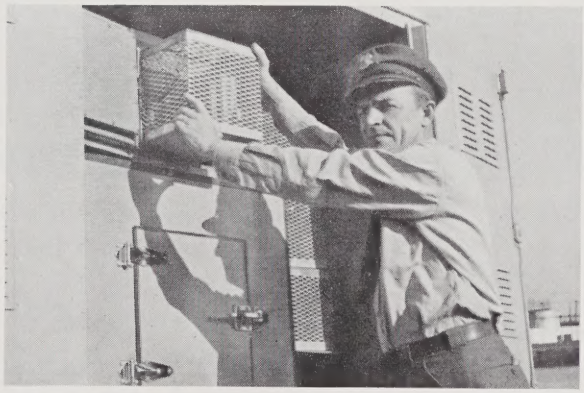
ANNOUNCING A NEW TYPE *of* MONOXIDE EUTHANASIA

Animal Agent J. Russell Connaughton standing by new small-animal ambulance, a three-quarter-ton chassis with special body. Note: *All of our new mobile units are equipped with a ladder rack.*

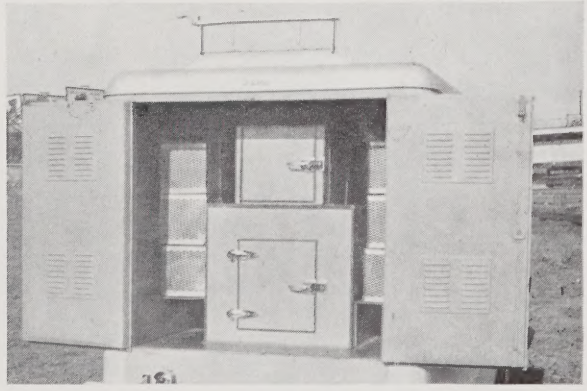
The rear of ambulance is amply ventilated for carrying ten or more cat pullmans.

Gift Suggestion

• SMALL-ANIMAL AMBULANCES are expensive to purchase and maintain. Any contribution to help with this ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL equipment will be gratefully received.



Agent Connaughton putting cat pullman into lethal chamber. Note: *It is cat size only because eight out of every ten orders are for unwanted litters of kittens or sick, injured or aged cats.*



Lethal unit in operating position. Monoxide is diverted from back of muffler, passes through twelve feet of one-half inch copper tubing and water bath. The water bath is removable to permit changing water supply to keep it cool. The lower compartment is an entirely new feature, air tight with a dry ice facility as a secondary lethal agent due to the presence of carbon dioxide so that bodies remain cool during hot weather.

Boston Globe Photo

THIS WAS THEIR HOME — *Little Beverly Emmons of Lyman, Maine and her dog Jinx sadly survey ruins of their home destroyed in fire.*

The LEAGUE Plays VITAL ROLE in Recent FIRE DISASTERS

Scores of Animals Rescued

RESPONDING promptly to a call from the national disaster agency in times of extreme emergencies involving animals, the American RED STAR ANIMAL RELIEF of which Walter J. Dethloff is Eastern Regional Director, an emergency unit of three cars, two of them well-equipped small-animal ambulances, and a crew of five competent humane agents SPED to the scenes of disaster as a result of the recent fire catastrophies, particularly in the State of Maine.

Food supplies for temporarily displaced household PETS were loaded into the ambulances, together with first aid supplies and other implements for the rescue and relief of injured or burned animals.

For four days the widely devastated areas were covered by our trained personnel who cooperated closely with fire wardens, state and local police, the Red Cross, agents of humane societies and a host of courageous volunteers.

Pathos, mixed with some strained joy, made rescue work of animals an arduous task in a calamity that left in its wake ruins of homes, barns and literally SCORES of animals — livestock, goats, horses, dogs, cats, poul-

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try and wild creatures such as rabbits and skunks.

Miss Leila Gaines, Manager of the Pine Tree Humane Society in Saco, Maine writes: "We can never thank you enough for your help. Your men are simply wonderful! We must have seemed very helpless to them, but they were fresh and we were exhausted and were quite hopeless until they came." We must here pay high tribute to Miss Gaines and her volunteer agents who, in addition to being responsible for animal rescue work, fought nobly beside the fatigued fire fighters.

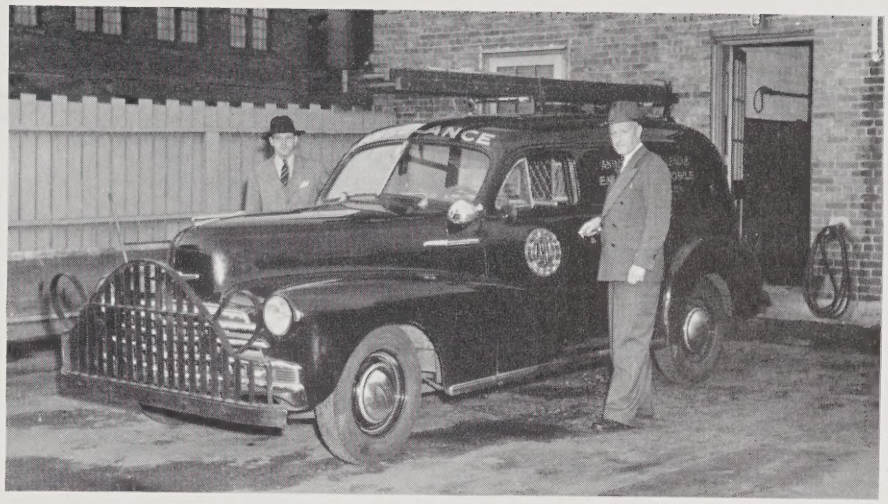
League's Chief Investigator Makes First Survey

Archibald MacDonald, Chief Investigator of the League, went to Maine Friday, October 24, to make a survey of the entire state so that our ambulance crews would not waste time in locating the areas in which they would be the most needed. This is his report:

"Bar Harbor area. I found one male Fox Terrier dog, one male Cocker Spaniel and one male striped kitten. All of these animals were in fair condition, and I had them housed with cooperative residents until owners could claim them. About 170 head of live stock were transported from Mt. Desert Island to farms out of the fire zone. One high-grade Guernsey bull was burned to death, but most all live stock was handled by experienced men without injury to the animals. I found one skunk, one cat and one dog very badly injured, which I had to mercifully put to sleep. Dr. E. G. Sadler, a veterinarian in Ellsworth, had harbored 35 dogs from the fire-ravaged districts of Bar Harbor. Dr. L. Sherman Cleaves, a veterinarian in Bar Harbor and State Director for the American Red Star Animal Relief, was ministering to many animals that had become lost or injured. I advised that all live stock be moved without delay out of the fire zones by experienced animal handlers. I made a systematic survey of areas where buildings had been burned to determine whether or not animal life still existed.

Saco, Biddeford and Southern Maine. I advised that all animals be taken from the fire areas into safer zones. There were many unused barns and still fairly good grazing out of doors. Because the fires were so vast and far-spread, it was almost impossible to determine just how much animal life had been destroyed.

Realizing that more equipment and men were going to be needed, I recommended that emergency crews be sent from Boston to assist in the alleviation of suffering to the animals involved."



Joseph Connaughton and Earl Wentzel leaving for Bar Harbor, Maine

Emergency Crews Rushed to Scenes of Disaster

The following reports are made in the words of our agents who gave unstintingly of their time and vitality day and night for the relief of suffering animals in the territories they covered:

"We left Boston Saturday noon, October 25, going directly to Saco and reporting to Miss Leila Gaines, Charles Wormwood, a humane agent who was providing shelter for small animals in the Kennebunkport area, and Lt. Kaufman of the State Police in Wells. According to the best information available, the most recently devastated areas were around Alfred and to the north. On the strength of this, we covered the towns and intervening country around Goodwin Mills, Alfred, Waterboro, East Waterboro, Hollis Center, Bar Mills and Buxton. We investigated the ruins of homes and barns along all main roads, inquired from fire chiefs or firemen in each community if they had any knowledge of reports of stray or injured animals, and with the Red Cross headquarters in Hollis Center. This procedure was followed throughout our entire trip.

The next morning at Salmon Falls we found two dogs, both injured beyond help, wearing no identification of any kind. We put them humanely away and buried them for they were burned almost beyond recognition.

Since more fires were continually breaking out, we contacted League headquarters requesting that a second mobile unit be dispatched to work exclusively in the southern part of Maine.

At Castine we contacted Miss Anita Harris who, though isolated by water and with no telephone communication, had a very accurate picture of the Bar Harbor situation. She was most helpful in giving us the names and addresses of persons to contact at Bar Harbor, thereby speeding up the work we knew we would have to do.

Upon arrival in Bar Harbor the next morning, October 27, we made a complete and thorough check of burned ruins throughout the town and its surrounding districts. We found one yellow cat badly burned about the paws and eyes, and learned that many hundreds of animals had lost their lives as the result of a collapsed roof and section of a wall destroyed by an explosion at the Jackson Memorial Foundation. The animals that survived, several hundred experimental mice, had been taken to Salisbury Cove where they were housed at Hamilton Station.

Mission of Mercy for Blind Man

While at Bar Harbor we were appealed to by the Red Cross to perform a mission of mercy for Mr. and Mrs. Russell P. Crane. They were temporarily billeted in the Ellsworth High School, having left Bar Harbor

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in the path of the fire after losing everything but what they could carry with them. Mr. Crane is totally blind, and was extremely distressed over the fact that their cat 'Cooky' had been lost. We took Mrs. Crane with us in the ambulance so that she could identify the cat if we found it. After some inquiries we did find 'Cookie' at the shelter of Dr. Cleaves. When we arrived back at Ellsworth, Mr. Crane was waiting at the top of the stairs and it would have done your heart good to see the expression of joy, gratitude and sheer thankfulness as 'Cooky' flew into his arms.

Puppy Saves Mother from Death

While at the shelter of Dr. Cleaves a very interesting case was called to our attention. Two dogs in his kennel had been rescued after the fire had swept through Bar Harbor. One was evidently the mother and the other a puppy about a year old. Only the devotion of the younger dog saved the other from death by starvation.

A Mr. Cunningham, caretaker on the William Pierce Hamilton property, was returning to the estate to determine the extent of fire damage. As he passed along a road, a dog came frisking out of a wooded section, ran up to him, and then ran back into the woods. When he repeated this a second time, Mr. Cunningham followed the puppy and there found the mother dog so badly burned on all four paws that she could not move. He carried the injured dog to Dr. Cleaves' shelter where it received proper attention.

From Bar Harbor we travelled to Bangor where we met Ernest Crowell, agent for the Bangor Humane Society, who was doing a magnificent job in behalf of the animals, not only in his own territory, but in the Bar Harbor section as well. Then on to Augusta to find that fires were under control, as reported by Miss Mabel Conner of the humane society in that city and Freeman Burr, State Fire Warden in Wayne, and that there was no immediate danger to animals in that particular area.

Keeping closely in touch with League headquarters, we learned that the southern part of the state was again being devastated by fire. We went immediately to Saco to join our other emergency unit. We spent most of the night patrolling that area for animals in distress. A more detailed report is given by Russell Connaughton and John Bella.

We found 20 horses pastured near Saco and many head of cattle had been turned onto a golf course. We checked the horses and helped in having them returned to owners. We made a daylight inspection of the territory around Salmon Falls, Bar Mills, Hollis, Waterboro and Clarks' Mill, but found no stray or injured animals.

We arrived back in Boston the afternoon of October 29, having covered 964 miles."

Joseph Connaughton
Earl Wentzel

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"We left Boston Sunday noon, October 26, going directly to Saco where we immediately contacted Miss Leila Gaines. We had our new modern small-animal ambulance with a lethal chamber (see page 7), which proved to be of untold value for it provided means of disposing of injured and burned animals that had to be put away in a quick and humane manner.

We covered the areas of Saco, Biddeford, Kennebunkport, Kennebunk, Alfred, Goodwin Mills, Dayton, all the Waterboros, Newfield, Limerick, Limington, Kezar Falls, Porter, Hiram, East Hiram, Brownfield, Cornish, Steep Falls, Standish, Buxton, Gorham, Hollis, Clarks' Mills, Bar Mills and Scarboro.

We found everyone most cooperative in removing the live stock to safer zones. Farm trucks with tailboards down were standing ready to load herds if necessary from the fire areas. We assisted the horse and cattle dealers whenever and wherever possible to load these larger animals and move them to districts not threatened by fire.

Good Samaritans Feed Displaced Live Stock

An old race track at Old Orchard Beach was opened by its owner, Mr. Yates, so that live stock and horses could be brought there for refuge. Mr. and Mrs. Gaines of Buxton were doing the major job of feeding and caring for them. We particularly commended them for what they were doing and assisted them as much as possible. When we expressed the gratitude of the League and the Red Star for what they were doing, their feelings were aptly expressed when Mr. Gaines said, "Gosh, it warn't nothin' — we just couldn't sit back and watch all them critters burn!"

Over 100 Small Animals Cared For

In addition to assisting in the removal of live stock and, in some instances, actually helping to fight the fires in the localities mentioned, a daily patrol of four days was made in quest of suffering and homeless small animals.

We started out at the break of dawn each day, because the best time to make our search was when there was the least confusion and noise. We located 56 cats injured, burned or left homeless. The injured

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Russell Connaughton and John Bella loading ambulance with food for trip to Maine Fire Disaster

and burned ones were put to sleep and the others housed at various points to await being claimed. Twenty-two dogs were rescued. Seven had to be destroyed because of their pitiful condition and the others were housed to wait being claimed by owners. At each place we left food and dog biscuit crumbles so they would be properly fed. Two goats and a number of rabbits and several flocks of poultry were also in such condition that we were compelled to put them away.

Poultry Lured Home by Dog Biscuits

Several flocks of hens that had wandered away from home, were effectively lured back by the use of dog biscuits. Having no other feed with us, we used Ken-L-Ration dog biscuits, finely ground, strewing it along the ground and were successful in returning these birds to their own wire enclosures. The gratitude of the farmers in that area for this rescue work was immeasurable, and the hens loved the biscuits!

We returned to Boston the afternoon of October 29, having covered 692 miles."

Russell Connaughton
John Bella

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New Hampshire Area

Special mention must be made of Henry Frechette, Director for the American Red Star Animal Relief in that state and Chief Agent of the Cheshire County Humane Society at Keene.

He has earned admiration for cooperating closely with the State Police and others, travelling many miles covering the forest fires in New Hampshire. He reported progress to the League almost every day and appointed emergency Red Star agents in communities wherever the demand existed. Rochester was a critical zone and Mr. Frechette, recognizing the emergency, appointed Harold Rand, County Supervisor of Schools, who, judging from brief reports, did a magnificent piece of work with the animals in that area.

League Makes Final Survey

Following the disaster in Maine, the League further volunteered its services to the American Red Star Animal Relief in sending an emergency car with two agents to cover the devastated areas in both Maine and New Hampshire to make certain that all live stock and pet animals were not to be neglected. Humane traps were set for hopelessly injured cats and dogs not only to prevent suffering, but as a precaution that they would not be a menace to the community.

High Praise to Our Personnel

This is our contribution to a terrible tragedy. Were it not for men trained in the skill of animal welfare, the picture of suffering as a result of the calamitous fires would be many times worse. High praise to our men — we are proud of them! They are ready and willing to cooperate at all times, no job being too difficult or too tiring for their best efforts in behalf of suffering animals. To Archibald MacDonald, Joseph Connaughton, Earl Wentzel, Russell Connaughton, John Bella, and Marjorie Wyman, who stood by at headquarters and at home day and night to receive and send messages, is extended gratitude for such a willing and splendid performance of their duties.

Press, Radio *and* Others

We are indebted to the press, particularly the *Bar Harbor Times*, and the radio for excellent assistance in publicizing the fact the League was working in the various areas throughout the State of Maine in the interest of animal welfare.

Honorable mention and an expression of deep gratitude is extended to Leila Gaines, Anita Harris, Dr. L. Sherman Cleaves, Dr. William P. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wormwood, Dr. E. G. Sadler, Joseph Osmond, Mr. Yates, Mr. and Mrs. Gaines, Arthur Smith, Dana Elliot, Norman Palmer and Otto Brandt of Maine; Henry Frechette and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rand of New Hampshire, for outstanding work during a period of extreme emergency.

A good job well done! The League and the American Red Star Animal Relief are justly proud!

Letters of Thanks from Maine

State of Maine
Office of the Governor
Augusta

Dear Mr. Dethloff:

I am writing to express my personal appreciation and the gratitude of many persons to whom you have given such valuable assistance within recent weeks, during our Maine fires.

I have been informed of your very cooperative enterprise in providing ambulances and trained men to rescue live stock and other animals from the fire areas, and to transport and provide food for them.

I want you to know that the people of Maine are grateful for such services, which, too often, pass unnoticed in time of crisis.

Sincerely yours,
Horace Hildreth

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Dear Mr. Dethloff:

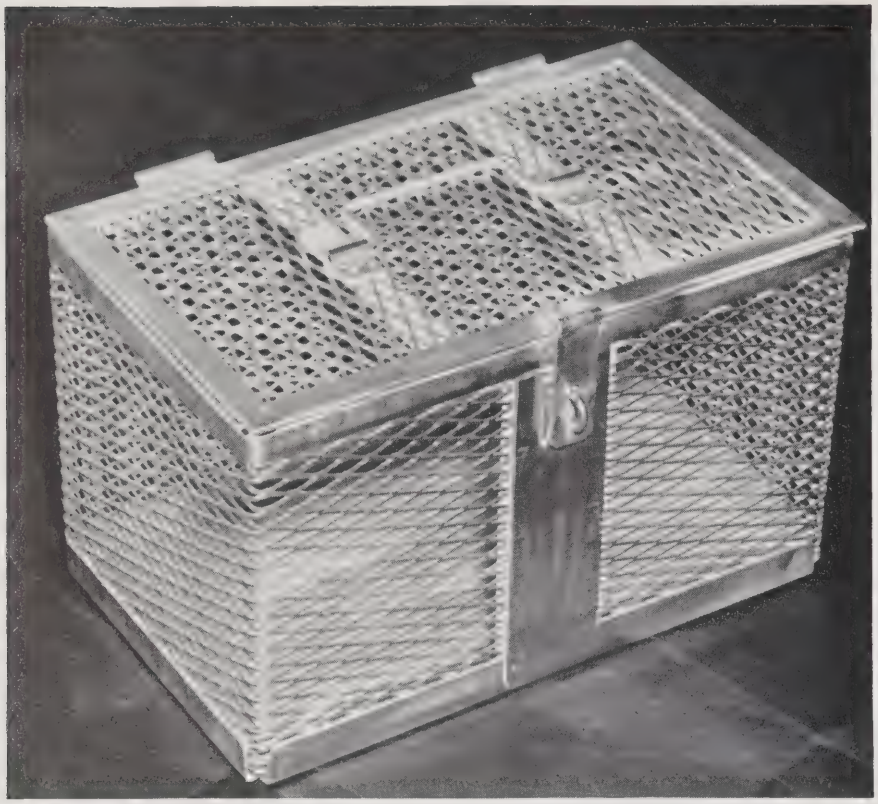
Words cannot express my thanks for the timely rescue of "Cooky," our cat, from the Bar Harbor fire by your two men. "Cooky" means so much to my husband and me, especially since my husband cannot see. We lost everything!

Gratefully yours,
Mrs. Eleanor B. Crane

Gift Suggestion

• Don't forget the Christmas for Horses. They still need help. Enjoy your own Christmas Dinner more this year by sharing your blessings with these fourfooted friends.

DELUXE CAT CARRIER



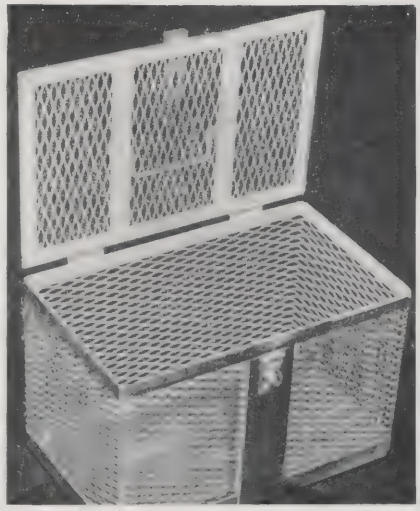
THIS deluxe cat carrier, or PULLMAN, is the League's latest contribution to insure the safe and humane handling of cats or kittens being brought to our shelter.

It is our job every year to collect about 70,000 animals of the feline family. They must be confined in carriers that will not injure or cause undue fright when being transported in our ambulances from homes, the street, police stations, sewers, high trees, between walls, etc.

It is of the utmost importance that a good impression be made when our agent arrives on the scene where a stray, homeless or disabled cat must be rescued, or when he enters a private home. Our new cat PULLMANS, one of which is shown in the accompanying photographs, make the kind of impression that helps to gain FRIENDS for the League, and more friends mean more new supporters for our humane work.

Gift Suggestion

• Your contribution of $10 or more, to help defray the expenses of our new CAT "PULLMANS," will be appreciated.



DR. MALCOLM CARSLEY JOINS OUR CLINIC STAFF

DR. MALCOLM BERNARD CARSLEY, most recent addition to our Clinic Staff, is a native of Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Following High School he attended the Berkshire Preparatory School. He then went to Cornell College for his pre-veterinary and four-year veterinary course. He comes to us from a small-animal hospital near Bar Harbor, Maine, where he worked for a short time, and we hope he will remain with us for many years to come.

THE ANIMAL LADY

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"Where can I get a certain kind of medicine?" These are only a few of the many inquiries received. "Beth" checks carefully with Dr. George W. Mather, Chief Veterinarian of our Clinic, on all matters of medical advice for pets, and personally replies extending good wishes and giving advice on any animal problem.

Through each letter she receives runs the warmth of feeling that comes from having a pet in a household, giving loyalty, bringing laughter and tears, but always considered a priceless possession.

So, each Tuesday at 3:30 when "Beth, the Animal Lady" says, "May I come in?" let her into your hearts and homes — share with her the stories and problems of your pet by writing to Station WEEI.

• A Membership in the Animal Rescue League of Boston or its Branches is An Investment in Civic Betterment.

MODEL DOG LICENSE REGULATIONS and ENFORCEMENT

An Important Topic at National Convention

REGULATIONS for the licensing of dogs and enforcement measures were discussed at the 71st Annual Convention of The American Humane Association in Albany, New York. Panel members were: Walter J. Dethloff, Chairman, Boston, Mass., Charles W. Friedrichs, San Francisco, Calif., Gustave P. Utke, Milwaukee, Wis., Albert H. McCarthy, Annapolis, Md., Charles W. Pusey, Miami, Fla. and William J. Boyink, Rochester, N. Y. All were present with the exception of Mr. Boyink.

Mr. Dethloff outlined the basis of the discussion, briefly referring to salient points which would help to set up model dog licensing as a guide to all societies affiliated with The American Humane Association. His introductory remarks were as follows:

"The best approach to this subject is to recognize, first of all, that there never was and there does not exist at the present time a Model Dog License Law, enforceable on a local or state-wide basis. That there is NEED for such regulations is a generally accepted fact. It cannot be said that there has been no effort made to adopt or formulate suitable local ordinances or state laws for the control of stray or unlicensed dogs. The truth is that 'dog control' in all its aspects is a subject of considerable discussion and evaluation at nearly every National Convention of The American Humane Association as well as state and regional meetings of humane societies in all sections of the United States. Many dog authorities outside our own scope of humane work have struggled with this problem, but, aside from spasmodic campaigns or minor changes in local or state laws, very little has been accomplished that has permanent value or that can be universally adapted to meet every normal or acute situation.

Let me add here, that no matter how well organized a program is for the elimination of rabies or its effective control, there are many problems to be considered besides the question of rabies. I contend that a Model Dog Law, whether it be applicable to a town, city, or county, can be judged as to its effectiveness if within its legal framework it achieves the following major points: (1) It must insure the largest percentage of dog registrations within the metropolitan or incorporated area in which it operates — anything short of 95% will not do. (2) It must insure a minimum of stray dogs or dogs at large to promote a high level of public health and safety. (3) It must make adequate provisions for the financial support of a year-round dog control program, the basic functions of which would be the maintenance of modern shelter facilities, a trained personnel, an efficient motorized fleet, supplemented by active, non-hysteria educational propaganda. (4) It should have suitable provisions to enforce emergency measures to prevent the spread of rabies. (5) It must have provision for penalties so severe that dog stealing or poisoning of dogs will be practically non-existent. (6) There must be no mandatory provision that humane societies or S. P. C. A.'s should become the suppliers of live dogs or cats for animal experimentation or research.

Let me make one brief comment; namely, that *no law or regulatory measure, however perfect in its framework, can achieve the maximum results unless it is enforced.* I truly believe that if the machinery of enforcement were unhampered by shallow politics, by an uncooperative public, especially dog owners, and the lack of courage of humane societies to face realities, we could solve the stray dog problems in every community which in terms of public health and safety and protection of canine pets would be phenomenal."

Gift Suggestion

• Send a contribution to our FIDO DOG LICENSE FUND to help pay for the license of a worthy child's pet.

The following were suggested for general discussion by delegates and panel members: (1) To what extent does the Cleveland Plan merit our support? (2) What should be our attitude re Federal Control of Dogs? (3) Shall a national campaign be waged to prevent the disposition of dog license money for purposes other than dog control? (a) Is it a good policy to advocate a lower license fee on renewals providing dog owners purchase a license before a certain deadline? (b) Is it good policy to advocate a $5 assessment against all dog owners during the period of a rabies epidemic to cover the extra cost of emergency enforcement measures, any unexpended balance to be refunded to dog owners or applied to the next current license? (4) What shall be our policy toward dog auctions?

Mr. Friedrichs ably discussed dog registrations. In his general remarks and evaluation of what is ESSENTIAL for effective dog control, the following were highlights: Registration as a means of dog control is a first consideration and has a legal status. The maximum amount of registration is an absolute necessity. It is the difference between good dog control or a community poorly regulated. The license fee for male, female or spayed female dogs must be conditioned on the needs of each community — no two are alike. Therefore, uniformity of dog license fees cannot be achieved nationally. The tag and a certificate in duplicate or triplicate is important for complete records of identification. Accurate records help to determine where dogs are mostly populated. Leash laws are increasing as a protection for both dog and owner. Enforcement of dog licensing is unfortunately slipshod. Collection of dog tax by the police or collection agents with authority may be costly, but pays in terms of maximum dog registration and efficient control. A notice by mail to dog owners each year has been found to be effective.

Mr. Utke urged municipal ordinances with provisions that "all dogs, whether licensed or not, should be on a leash." That includes dogs trained to "heel" because Utke has had experience with owners of such trained dogs and they were among

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the worst violators of good dog control. Mr. Utke doubted that perfect dog control could ever be achieved, but stressed rigid laws toward that end for public health and safety. All dog owners of "impounded" or pick-up dogs should have a first warning. He stated that in Wisconsin, "a new law would require cities and towns to furnish dog tags with name and address of the owner as well as identification or serial number."

Mr. McCarthy presented a most studious manuscript on the general problem of dog control, referring to the laws of Anne Arundel County, Maryland as having provisions helpful to any community. It is worthy of careful reading and any person wishing a copy may obtain it from The American Humane Asso., 135 Washington Avenue, Albany 6, New York.

Mr. Pusey, who discussed emergency measures to prevent the spread of rabies, stated that the panel had given the best answer toward the elimination of rabies. He urged adoption and strict enforcement of all the regulatory measures. On this depends whether or not we can stamp out the prevalence of rabies as a dread disease fatal to humans and warm-blooded animals. Mr. Pusey added that with an intelligent understanding of the value of anti-rabies inoculation, plus effective control of the stray and ownerless dogs, states like Florida could save the one and three-quarter million dollars which it now costs to treat bite victims.

Mr. Richard C. Craven recommended from the floor that societies could profit by the installation of equipment for stamping the name and address of dog owners on a metal tag.

Dr. Wesley A. Young of Chicago, Illinois felt that a name plate of the society as a service to restore lost dogs to their owners would be more effective.

Thirty-four delegates to the National Convention were present during the panel discussion.

NOTED CURATOR OF HUB ZOO DIES

DANIEL HARKINS, curator of the Franklin Park Zoo and one of Boston's best loved citizens, died October 20, 1947 from a heart attack. He will be missed by his many friends and associates.

Curator of the zoo since 1920, he was loved by the many children who visited there over the years. He held the zoo together for them despite inadequate funds, and many hours of pleasure were provided for countless thousands of children who visited Franklin Park.

He was a true lover of animals and gave unstintingly of his time to minister to his charges if they were sick. He also helped with any emergency problem involving large animals. One time a lion escaped from a car at the North Station and it was Dan Harkins who captured him. His assistance in cooperation with the League when elephants arrived at the Port of Boston in such poor condition that they had to be removed from the transport to Boston Gardens for medical attention will never be forgotten by our League agents.

We express profound regret at his passing and extend sympathy to Mrs. Harkins in her bereavement.

Gift Suggestion

• Our FREE ANIMAL CLINIC, designed to help those who cannot afford to pay a regular veterinary fee, needs funds. Your contribution will be welcome.

NEW PET FOR LOST ONE

Donald Sinkus of Lynn shown with new pet dog "Cocoa" which was given him by the League in cooperation with the Record-American-Advertiser after he lost his own pet.

While not a policy of the League to give animals away, Donald's letter was irresistible and "Cocoa" has found a good home.

Photo by Don Robinson Record-American

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and attention on the part of delegates. Particularly reporting on the panel discussion "Livestock Problems," much progress has been made in the use of the electric prod for handling of live stock. The following resolution was passed:

"RESOLVED, First, that The American Humane Association and the National Livestock Loss Prevention Board approve only such electric prods that are commercially manufactured and properly constructed to produce non-injurious electric impulses. Secondly, that The American Humane Association appoint a special committee to assist the Association and the National Livestock Loss Prevention Board to adopt standards based on the manufacturing experience of electric prods, a sample of each prod to be made available for the manufacturer in order that acceptable standards may be advocated. Be it further RESOLVED that until standards are set up we approve in principle the use of non-injurious commercially designed electric prods but do not condone their misuse and that all home-made devices of a similar nature be abolished."

We congratulate Robert F. Sellar, President, Carlton E. Buttrick, Chairman of the Convention, and James M. Ross, Co-chairman, for four days of exceedingly profitable discussions. It was an outstanding Convention and one long to be remembered by the more than three hundred delegates who attended.

League Has Distinguished Visitors

Harry T. Miller *and* Clifton Johnson, Vice-President and General Manager respectively of the Michigan Humane Society, Detroit, visited the League and its small-animal shelter in September. Mr. Miller wrote upon his return to Detroit, "Needless to say, I was most favorably impressed with your very efficient organization and in particular your organizational ability. When I say that I ultimately hope we can duplicate your work here in Detroit and produce something on a par with what you are doing in Boston, I am stating how highly I value your Boston accomplishments. Please tell all your co-workers that it was a pleasure to find so many earnest and efficient men and women attending to the furtherance of animal welfare in a humane manner."

Other visitors who came to Boston after the National Convention in October were Dr. *and* Mrs. Louis J. Wyatt of the Humane Society of Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kansas; Mr. *and* Mrs. William Dunlop, he the General Manager of the Canadian S. P. C. A., Montreal, Canada; Mr. Fritz Grolock, Managing Director of the Humane Society of Missouri at St. Louis; Mr. Ray W. Hinea, Manager of King County Humane Society, Seattle, Washington and C. J. Chenoweth, President of Wayside Waifs, Inc., of Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. John McLachlan, Manager of the Kent County Humane Society, Grand Rapids, Michigan spent almost a week with us just prior to going to the National Convention. He writes, "I want to thank you again for making my stay in Boston so pleasant and educational. Mrs. Kindel said there is no one just like you — always a kind word or action for all. My kindest regards to you and your staff who were so helpful."

We were happy and proud to welcome these co-workers to Boston, and hope it will not be long before they will visit with us again!

45th ANNUAL FAIR

Our 45th Annual Fair has been successfully brought to a close. Since its inception, our members and contributors have made the most of the opportunity this occasion affords to greet old friends and to meet others whose interest in animal welfare prompts them to assist in financing our work. This year was no exception.

The Fair Committee, of which Mrs. Frederick O. Houghton is Chairman, wishes to express deep appreciation to all who contributed toward its success either through personal service, cash contributions, purchases or in any other manner.

While we have reason to believe the net financial results will not be as good as in 1946, we are grateful to all who helped make the Fair possible and are inspired to formulate new ideas for the Fair of 1948.

It is not too early even now to send contributions of money or salable articles for the next Annual Fair.

START NOW!

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

LET'S MAKE THE 1948 FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS!

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• A new Headquarters Building is imperative. Any contribution, large or small, will help toward making this possible.

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A Free Clinic for Animals has been maintained at headquarters for thirty years. Dr. George W. Mather, Veterinarian-in-Charge; Dr. Malcolm Carsley, Associate. *Clinic Hours:* Monday through Friday, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Saturday, 9 A.M. to 12 NOON. During July and August the Clinic will not be open on Saturday.

Pine Ridge Cemetery for Small Animals and *Pine Ridge Home of Rest for Horses* are maintained at 246 Pine Street, Dedham, on a farm of twenty-one acres. Arrangements for burials, including cremations, may be made at 51 Carver Street.

Eight Motor Ambulances and *Twelve Agents* are busy every day collecting animals, averaging in number 100,000 every year. A 24-hour Emergency Service is maintained.

BRANCH RECEIVING STATIONS

Boston Shelter	366 Albany Street
Dedham	246 Pine Street
East Boston	Police Station No. 7
South End	109 Northampton Street
West Lynn	4 Neptune Street
West Roxbury	Police Station No. 17

Cape Cod

Eastham	Walter F. Nickerson, Samoset Road
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Donations, Membership Fees and Bequests provide the main support of the League. Become a member, send a donation or make provision for us in your will, and help insure our continued protection of stray, unwanted, sick and injured animals. Of every paid-up League membership of $1.00 or more, 50 cents is for a year's subscription to "Our Fourfooted Friends."

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Life	$100.00 in one payment
Supporting	25.00 annually
Contributing	10.00 annually
Active	5.00 annually
Associate	1.00 annually
Junior	.25 annually

FORM OF BEQUEST

To the Animal Rescue League of Boston

I give, devise and bequeath the sum of..... dollars, and the real estate situated at No..... Street, in the city (or town) of.....

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